



Lighthouse of Iowa

Keeping in touch with Iowa's Churches of Christ

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Have you heard of the Resurrection of Christ?

Jay Graham

“Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, “We will hear you again on this matter.”

~ Acts 17:30-32

Outside of the most primitive areas in this world, who has never heard of the resurrection of Jesus?

Yes, I concede, there may be pockets of peoples who may never have heard of this glorious event. That is surely something only the Lord knows, and He will be the Judge of the living and the dead, for He alone can know of such circumstances.

However, outside of these few circumstances, who can

say they have never heard of this event? Of all those who have heard of this, we will be judged as to whether we believe it or not.

One of the conditions for salvation is what the apostle Paul wrote of in Romans 10:8-10

“But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

JUDGEMENT

We will certainly be judged as to whether we believe in this resurrection or not. It is worth noting in the verses quoted at the beginning of this article God has given assurance of a coming Judgement Day to all by raising Christ as He promised

He would. It is my conviction, those at Mar’s Hill whom Paul was speaking to will be judged as to whether they believed or not. At that point they had to make a choice, either to pursue this message or to ignore it. They had a choice.

Certainly, they may not have completely understand everything concerning Christ’s resurrection at that moment, but they had enough information to pursue this very important matter. To their credit, some of them did asked to hear more on this matter, though some mocked Paul and His message. Some joined Paul and believed according to Acts 17:34. All of them will face their Creator at the Judgment and perhaps this discussion will be central to how they will be judged.

UNBELIEF

Most, if not all of us, know people who do not believe Jesus rose from the dead. They certainly have heard about it, but for various reasons, they choose not to

believe it. Why? Probably for various reasons.

Some cite they believe it is too “fantastic” to believe, for perhaps they do not believe in God nor His power. Some might say there is not enough evidence, which is ridiculous, for there is plenty of evidence, Biblical and even some extra-Biblical. (From historical sources outside of the Scriptures.)

CHOICE

It is my conviction, most, who claim a lack of belief, do so because they do not wish to humble themselves and repent and conform their life to the will of their Creator, if they were honest. But all those in

these categories have certainly heard of the resurrection.

Like those at Mar’s Hill, they have heard enough to either pursue further information or not. It is also worth nothing those who mocked Paul certainly heard enough to convict. And we certainly have a great number of likeminded mockers today.

I believe this lack of faith is much like those Peter writes of in 2 Pet 3:5 in which *“they willfully forget”* about Noah’s flood. We certainly have a great number today who choose not to believe in the Great Flood, and for many of the same reasons.

The resurrection of Jesus is an event that people cannot get away from, whether they choose to believe it happened or not! And we all will be judged as to whether we believe this or not to be clear.

For on this historical fact hangs the gospel of Christ. For on this event hangs our Hope! This event is at the very foundation of Christ’s work and divine purpose. This event is at the heart of the plan the Lord made even before the foundations of the world.

Do you believe in this event?



Chariton

Meeting times: Sundays: 10:00 a.m. (no evening services)

Location: Call for information.

For information call: Albert Schreck (641) 535-2381 or Brian Schreck (641) 203-2137

Jeanette Schreck had surgery on May 21st to remove a section of her colon after a cancerous polyp was discovered. They were able to get all of it and no further treatment will be required.



June Birthdays

- None

June Anniversaries

- None

Dean Avenue

Meeting times: Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. + Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.
Location: 2907 Dean Ave., Des Moines, Iowa / P.O. Box 57398, Pleasant Hill, IA 50327
For information call: John McNeece (515) 263-9428

- Quiet month at Dean Avenue.

June Birthdays - None

June Anniversaries - None

Fairview

Meeting times: Sundays: 10:00 a.m. + Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.
Location: 1001 S. 22nd St, Clarinda, Iowa 51632
For information call: Richard Negley (712)542-3728 or Marvin Negley (712)542-2792

- Another quiet month at Fairview.



June Birthdays

- None

June Anniversary

- None

Martensdale

Meeting Times: Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. + Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.
Location: 10985 44th Lane, Prole, Iowa (1.5 miles east of Martensdale, IA on Hwy. 92)
For information call: Duane Proudfit (515) 961-4470 or Mike Penick (515) 681-0279

- **Martensdale will begin holding Wednesday evening Bible class again beginning June 2nd.** Topic for open discussion and participation is *"The Power of God"*. Elder Mike Penick will moderate. Invitation to non-members is encouraged.
- Dianne and Tom Collier visited Nora Lee Ingle at the Morris farm in Pleasant Hill, Missouri. Long time pen pals, Dianne and Nora Lee got caught up. And Tom was given an excellent hands-on culinary lesson on how to make Nora Lee's famous egg noodles.
- Pam Deckler's brother and sister worshipped with us on their visit with Pam.
- The Schreck family visited Martensdale this month:
 - Travis & Jenika visiting Rodney and Aléna Ingle.
 - Brian & Tammy with Ethan & Megan visiting Duane and Mary Proudfit.

- Mary Proudfit continues to struggle with health problems.
- Jordan Bown visiting her parents Allen & Teresa.
- Roger & Savannah Bown visiting Dick & Phyllis.

June Birthdays

- ★ 4 – Tracy Penick
- ★ 4 – Kyle Bown
- ★ 10 – Phyllis Bown
- ★ 11 – Silas Bown
- ★ 12 – Fred Bown
- ★ 21 – Alvin Bown

June Anniversaries

- ★ Zach & Jenna Wheeler – June 13, 2009

Pleasant Hill

Meeting Times: Sundays: 9:30 a.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m.
 Listen from your car at FM station 100.9

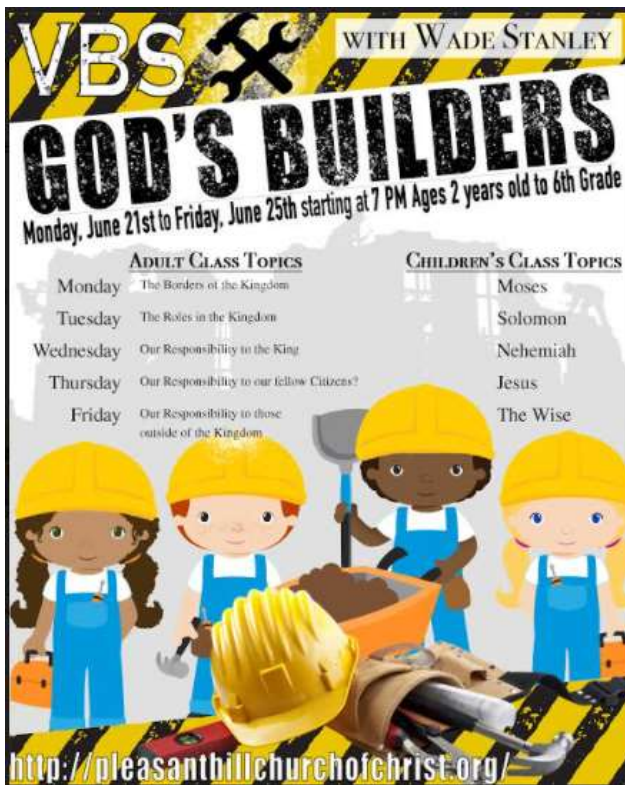
Location: 5091 E. University, Pleasant Hill, Iowa

Website: pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org

Contacts: Mike Warner 515-967-4529 / Marty Williamson 515-556-2394 / Marc Hermon 515- 554-3567

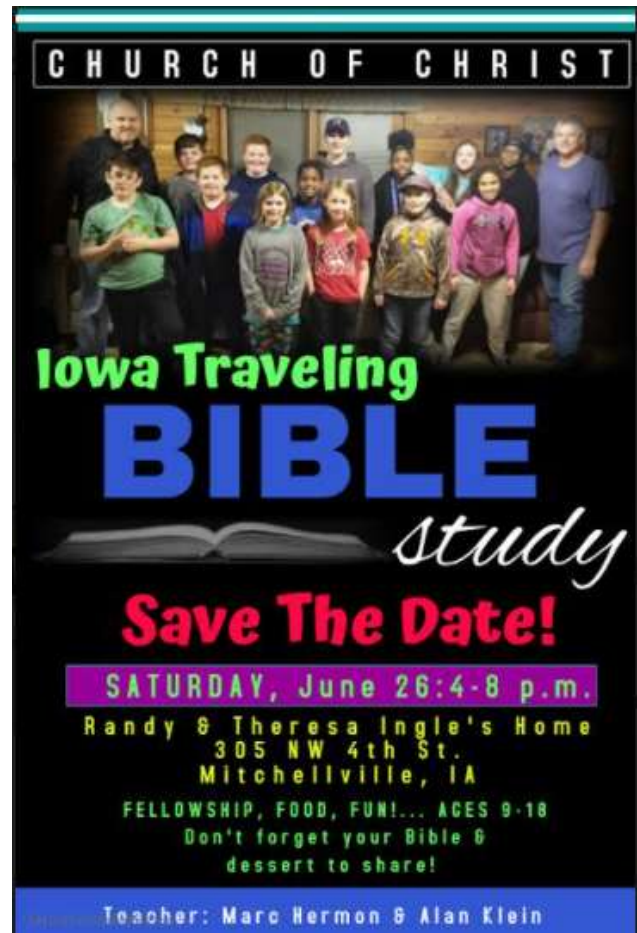
Praise & Prayers:

- **VBS with Wade Stanley**, God willing, will be **June 21-25**. The adults will be studying “Lord, Build Your Kingdom” and the children will be studying, “God’s Builders.” See flyer for details.



- **JC & Melanie Castro** continue to worship with Sierra Vista, AZ congregation. This month they are traveling in California to visit JC’s mother. They enjoyed the Grand Canyon along the way.
- **Betty Warren and Nora Lee Ingle** each celebrated their **95th birthdays**. Each received a significant number of cards and well-wishes. Thanks for encouraging them!
- **Bud Fillman** continues to make improvements after his stroke, *all glory to God!*
- **Tom Brady** continues hemodialysis. Please do what you can to encourage him and Fred. They
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- **Next ITBS will be at Randy & Theresa Ingle’s home June 26, 4-8 p.m.** See flyer for details.



- **Congratulations to Jamie Ingle** for wrapping up her 1st semester as a master’s student.
- **Wanda Burkman** suffered infection which limited her mobility. She is doing much better now and gives all glory to God. She is grateful for all the encouraging cards and meal deliveries she and Don have received these past few weeks. They are keeping their spirits up!
- **Allison George** has been seeking consultation from an ocular plastic surgeon in Iowa City. God willing, she will have surgery in the near future.
- **Marje Turnquist’s** sister-in-law, Marilyn Marie Turnquist Koestler, 85, an Iowa native and member

from Dean Avenue, died of cancer on May 12, 2021, in Fairfield Glade, TN. An online service was offered to family and friends, as well a burial service in Iowa. Please keep Marje in your prayers for comfort.



Save the Date!

☆☆☆ **Pleasant Hill Labor Day weekend meeting** ☆☆☆

*Lord willing,
will be held **September 4-6.***

June Birthdays

- ★ June 6 - Alex Needham
- ★ June 7 – Ryleigh Wood
- ★ June 15 – Eden Brady
- ★ June 20 – Whitney Thorson
- ★ June 24 – Jamie Ingle
- ★ June 28 – Mary Gearhart
- ★ June 30 - Randy Spinney
- ★ June 11 – Myah Laymon
- ★ June 19 - Joel Needham
- ★ June 23 – Dan Pritchard
- ★ June 27 – Dean Thorson
- ★ June 29 – Sophia George

June Anniversaries

- ★ June 2 – Don & Wanda Burkman

Vandalia

Meeting Times: Sundays: 9:30 a.m.

No Sunday evening or Wednesday evening services until further notice

Location: 2.5 miles east of Runnells, Iowa on F70, then 1 mile north on 131st St.

For information call: Greg Ingle (515) 994-2824 or Charles Ingle (515) 966-2537

Website: <https://vandaliacoc.com>

***** ANNUAL JUNE MEETING *****

The weekend of June 12-13.

Saturday 3:30pm. Services followed by a meal and recreation and/or fellowship.

Sunday 9:30am. Services followed by a meal, and then an afternoon service at **2:00pm.**

*A flyer with the schedule
will be sent out to congregations soon.*

- **For more information**, such as housing contacts and the list of who is speaking, please visit our website at www.vandaliacoc.com.

- We would also appreciate if those planning on attending could **please RSVP** on our website, so we can get an idea how many people will be attending, to help us get an estimate for food preparations.
- We hope to see you all there for a weekend of spiritual edification and uplifting fellowship!



June Anniversaries

- None

June Birthdays

- None

Q: What is this little house with the nails sticking up?

(Provided by Nora Lee Ingle. Recommended that you consult your CPA with any questions.)

A: Tacks Shelter



Copies of the *Lighthouse of Iowa* can be found at the following two Church websites:

Vandalia Church of Christ: <https://vandaliacoc.com/lighthouse-of-iowa.html>

Pleasant Hill Church of Christ: <http://www.pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org/library.php>

(select *Iowa Lighthouse* under the Library tab)

As Christians, what do we know?

According to the Apostle John, we know quite a bit.

WE KNOW that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. (1 John 3:14 King James)

And he that keepeth his commandments, dwelleth in him, and he in him. And in this thing **WE KNOW, that he dwelleth in us, by the Spirit, whom he gave to us.** (1 John 3:24 Wycliffe)

By this **WE KNOW** love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. (1 John 3:16 English Standard)

And if **WE KNOW** that he heareth us, whatsoever we ask, **WE KNOW** that we have the petitions that we desired of him. (1 John 5:15 King James)

Little children, it is the last hour: and as ye heard that antichrist cometh, even now have there arisen many antichrists; whereby **WE KNOW** that it is the last hour. (1 John 2:18 American Standard)

Most dear brethren, now we be the sons of God, and yet it appeared not, what we shall be. **WE KNOW, that when he shall appear, we shall be like him,** for we shall see him as he is. (1 John 3:2 Wycliffe)

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. And hereby **WE KNOW** that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. (1 John 3:18 King James)

We be of God; he that knoweth God, heareth us; he that is not of God, heareth not us. In this thing **WE KNOW** the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. (1 John 4:6 Wycliffe)

No man hath beheld God at any time: if we love one another, God abideth in us, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby **WE KNOW** that we abide in him and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. (1 John 4:12-13 American Standard)

By this **WE KNOW** that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. (1 John 5:2 English Standard)

And **WE KNOW** that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. (1 John 5:19 King James)

And hereby **WE KNOW** that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. (1 John 2:3-4 King James)

And **WE KNOW** that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. (1 John 5:20 King James)

Truly, truly, I say to you, **we speak of what WE KNOW,** and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. (John 3:11 English Standard)

They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and **WE KNOW** that He is indeed the Savior of the world." (John 4:42 English Standard)

This thought was inspired by Rick Sparks' VBR video series on 1 John, 2 John, & 3 John available on Facebook.

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